RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE MANUAL

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



A. INTRODUCTION

This final Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise Manual is intended for use by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff responsible for planning, preparing, and evaluating REP exercises and other Federal staff who assist FEMA as members of Regional Assistance Committees (RAC). It is a companion to the REP Exercise Evaluation Methodology (EEM), FEMA-REP-15, which is used by FEMA and other Federal agencies to document the performance of offsite response organizations (ORO) participating in REP Program exercises. For purposes of this Manual, ORO refers to State and local governments, licensee offsite response organizations, and other supporting organizations. This guidance is issued to improve the conduct of exercises and promote greater uniformity in the evaluation of exercises among FEMA Regions.

FEMA has provided guidance to interpret and apply the planning standards and evaluation criteria through FEMA guidance memoranda (GM) and FEMA REP-series documents. This Manual incorporates and supersedes guidance contained in previously issued GMs that pertain to the REP program, exercises and drills. This Manual supersedes GM EX-1, GM EX-2, and GM EX-3. To the extent that it is programmatically possible, FEMA intends to issue future guidance that pertains exclusively to the REP exercise program as amendments to this Manual. All GMs containing integrated guidance on planning and preparedness and exercise activities will remain in effect.

Manual Scope and Contents

<u>Sections B, C, and D</u> of the Manual provide relevant information, guidance, and documentation pertaining to REP exercises.

Section B provides an overview of the regulatory basis for the REP exercise program.

<u>Section C</u> provides a description of guidance for generic exercise tasks that encompass all essential pre-, trans-, and post-exercise activities of the REP exercise program.

<u>Section D</u> provides a uniform interpretation and application of guidance in NUREG-0654 to 33 objectives contained in the EEM. For each objective, this Manual provides:

- statement of intent
- o demonstration criteria with explanations and extent-of-play provisions
- clarification of terms

Section E provides guidance on different types of drills, including medical emergency drills.

<u>Section F</u> is a Glossary that defines terms used in the Manual. These terms are also defined in the Clarification of Terms sections of each objective in Section D of the Manual. This duplication is intentional because Section D is designed to be used as a stand-alone document in REP Program exercises in support of the EEM.

This Manual is issued in loose-leaf form, with dated pages, to facilitate periodic up-dating.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AMA - American Medical Association

ANI - American Nuclear Insurers

ARC - American Red Cross

ARCA - area(s) requiring corrective action

ARFI - area(s) recommended for improvement

ACP - access control point(s)

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

cpm - counts per minute

DHHS - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

DOE - U.S. Department of Energy

EBS - Emergency Broadcast System

ECL - emergency classification level(s)

EOC - emergency operations center(s)

EOF - emergency operations facility(ies)

EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPZ - emergency planning zone(s)

ETA - estimated time(s) of arrival

ETE - evacuation time estimate(s)

FR - Federal Register

FDA - U.S. Food and Drug Administration

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency

FTC - Field Team Coordinator(s)

Ft/min - feet per minute

Ft³/min - cubic feet per minute

GE - General Emergency

Ge(Li) - lithium drifted germanium

GM - guidance memorandum (a)

JIC - Joint Information Center(s)

JPIC - Joint Public Information Center(s)

KI - potassium iodide

mR - milliroentgen(s)

mR/h - milliroentgen(s) per hour

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOUE - Notification of Unusual Event

NRC - U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NUREG - NRC documents reference

ORO - offsite response organization(s)

PA - public address

PAD - protective action decision(s)

PAG - protective action guide(s)

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (continued)

PAO - Public Affairs Official(s)

PAR - protective action recommendation(s)

P.L. - Public Law

POR - Point(s) Of Review

R - Roentgen(s)

RAC - Regional Assistance Committee(s)

REA - radiological emergency area(s)

REM - Roentgen equivalent man

R/h - Roentgens per hour

SAE - Site Area Emergency

TCP - traffic control point(s)

TDD - telecommunications device(s) for the deaf

TLD - thermoluminescent dosimeter(s)